

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE	21 NOVEMBER 2019	AGENDA ITEM: 10
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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN 2020/21 BUDGET

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee with information and costings of suggested items to be considered in the 2020/21 budget, in addition to the normal business items.

Detailed Information

The following suggestions are as a result of discussions at previous meetings of the committee and discussions between the chair of the committee and the Clerk.

1. Recreation Ground

i. New Benches & Picnic Table

The Clerk and Chair of the Committee have discussed the possibility of providing new benches and picnic tables at the recreation ground. The Chair has expressed an interest in putting two multi-coloured circular picnic tables in the Recreation Ground and replacing some of the older benches within the Rec.



Financial Implications

2 x Multi-coloured benches £ 660.00 each	£ 1,320.00
10 x Moulded Seat from Recycled material	
Unit price £259.00	<u>£ 2,590.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>£ 3,910.00</u>

ii. Bins



1 x Talking Bin for Playground area

£ 360.50

Subject to confirmation of type, new bins for all areas of the recreation ground



1 x Plastic Topsy 2000 litter bin
5 x Derby Steel Litter bin @ £299.00

£ 100.28

£ 1,495.00

TOTAL

£ 1,955.78

2. New Benches – Cemetery



10 x Moulded Seat from Recycled material –
Unit price £259.00

TOTAL

£ 2,590.00

3. New Bins for Town Trail



5 x Derby Steel Litter bin @ £299.00 **TOTAL** **£ 1,495.00**

Officers would suggest that there may be groups or businesses in the town who may be willing to contribute to the cost of the bins in exchange for sponsorship via their logos being placed on the bins.

4. Cemetery

i.. New Sit and Ride Mower

The sit and ride mower currently in use at the cemetery has been in use for a considerable number of years and as a result is becoming unreliable and constantly breaking down. The cost to repair the mower this year alone is likely to be in the region of the purchase price of a new replacement.

There are a number of products on the market, including a new Lithium Battery operated sit and ride commercial mower. The price for a new petrol mower are in the region of £4,000/£4,500 with the cost of second hands around the £2,500 mark, all supposing these can be found. The Clerk has been looking for a second hand mower that would provide the type of operation required in the cemetery, but so far there are none of this type available on the market.

Recently a demonstration of the new battery operated mowers was arranged, the outcome of which was that the machine is cleaner, quieter, provides less vibration and has a zero turn facility. The battery offers approximately 6/7 hours and the cost to charge the battery overnight would be dependent on the amount of hours the machine is used. The overall running costs of this machine would be considerably less, however, the initial cost of these mowers is considerably more at circa £21,000.

With the issues around Climate change and the need for Councils to be greener and change how they operate, it would be appropriate to consider whether they should be purchasing a new petrol mower or a greener, battery operated one. However, the cost of the battery operated mower is considerably more than that of the petrol mowers, plus this is the first of its kind on the market and difficult to get feedback from users on its ability and effectiveness.

Financial Implication

Battery Operated Sit and Ride Mower
Petrol Sit and Ride Mower

£21,215.00
£ 4,500.00

5. New Ledbury in Bloom Planters



Following the continued success of Ledbury in Bloom, the group have asked whether the Council would be able to help with the provision of new planters around the Town.

The cost of these planters is £110.00 per planter and potentially 10 that need replacing.

Officers would suggest that the Committee consider purchasing them initially, but that they look for sponsors from companies in the Town to purchase them on behalf of Ledbury in Bloom.

Recommendation

That Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee give consideration to the information above and decide on which of the following, if any, to recommend to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee on 28 November 2019 for consideration in the 2020/21 budget.

1. Recreation Ground

2 x Multi-coloured benches £ 660.00 each	£ 1,320.00
10 x Moulded Seat from Recycled material	
Unit price £259.00	<u>£ 2,590.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>£ 3,910.00</u>

2. Cemetery

10 x Moulded Seat from Recycled material –	
Unit price £259.00	
TOTAL	<u>£ 2,590.00</u>

3. Town Trail

Subject to offering groups or businesses in the town the opportunity to contribute to the cost of the bins in exchange for sponsorship via their logos being placed on the bins, the Council purchase:-

5 x Derby Steel Litter bin @ £299.00

TOTAL

£ 1,495.00

4. That Members give consideration to the information in respect of a replacement sit and ride mower and decide whether they would wish to continue with a petrol mower or consider the purchase of a battery operated mower, taking into account the considerable difference in price.

Battery Operated Sit and Ride Mower

£21,215.00

Petrol Sit and Ride Mower

£ 4,500.00

5. That Members give consideration to the suggestion from officers that they purchase 10 planters to replace the existing at a cost of £110.00 per planter, with a view to asking organisations and companies within the town to purchase them and have their logo's attached to show they have sponsored the planters.

10 x Wooden planters @ £110.00

TOTAL

£ 1,100.00

